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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Adan Ayala on July 18, 2001.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 2, --a front and back wall and-- is placed after "comprising";

Claim 35, line 2, --a front and back wall and-- is placed after "and".

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the above changes were made to the claims to avoid a 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejection because only the side walls have the latching mechanism disposed thereon. The front and back walls do not include the said mechanism.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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- 3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 48-65 to an invention non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 48-65 have been cancelled.
- 4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John S. Maples whose telephone number is 703-308-1795. The examiner can normally be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gabrielle Brouillette can be reached on 703-308-0756. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9310 for regular communications and 703-872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

John S. Maples Primary Examiner Art Unit 1745

JSM July 25, 2001